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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Town of Bedford, Virginia

Project No. 5596-018

Notice of Application for Amendment and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene,
and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Request to permanently amend the minimum flow requirement in bypass reach.
- b. Project No.: 5596-018
- c. Date Filed: May 22, 2015
- d. Applicant: Town of Bedford, Virginia
- e. Name of Project: Bedford Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the James River in Bedford and Amherst Counties, Virginia.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a) – 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Charles P. Kolakowski, Town Manager, Town of Bedford, 215 East Main Street, Bedford, VA, 24523; telephone: (540) 587-6002.
- i. FERC Contact: Kurt Powers, telephone: (202) 502-8949, and email address: kurt.powers@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 15 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at

<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail a copy to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-5596-018) on the first page of any comments or motions filed.

k. Description of Request: The licensee is requesting to permanently modify the minimum flow required to be released at Bedford Dam under Article 34 from 400 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 150 cfs. The Commission previously approved a request to amend Article 34 on July 14, 2009. That amendment permits the licensee to reduce the minimum flow at the bypass reach from 400 cfs to 200 cfs if the flow of the James River at the project is between 800 and 1,000 cfs for five consecutive days. The licensee states that the proposed permanent modification could generate an additional 2,500 megawatt hours of energy annually, approximately. Pursuant to Article 34, the licensee has obtained concurrence from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for the proposal.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable ; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

DATED: September 23, 2015

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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